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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Masamichi ITO, et al. ) : Examiner: Johnny Ma  
Application No.: 09/451,870 ) : Group Art Unit: 2617  
Filed: December 1, 1999 ) :  
For: RECEIVING APPARATUS ) February 24, 2006  
AND METHOD :  
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**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Prior to examination on the merits and in response to the final Official Action  
mailed December 29, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: